

§ 101-45.703-2 Consideration for award.

(a) A late bid shall be considered for award only:

(1) In the instance of sealed bid sales, if the bid submitted by mail was received by the contracting officer prior to award, was mailed and, in fact, delivered to the address specified in the invitation in sufficient time to have been received by the contracting officer by the time and date set forth in the invitation for opening of bids, and except for delay attributable to personnel of the sales office or their designees would have been received on time; or

(2) In the instance of spot bid and auction sales, if the bid submitted by mail (where authorized) was received by the contracting officer after the time and date set forth in the invitation for receipt of bids but before the time set for the start of the sale, and was mailed and, in fact, delivered to the address specified in the invitation in sufficient time to have been received by the contracting officer by the time and date set forth in the invitation for receipt of bids, and except for delay attributable to personnel of the sales office or their designees would have been received on time.

(b) The only evidence acceptable to establish timely receipt of bids at the address designated in the invitation for bids is documentary evidence of receipt at such address within the control of the selling agency. Such evidence could be a date or time stamp, or a log entry.

§ 101-45.703-3 Telegraphic bids.

A late bid submitted by telegraph (where authorized) received before award shall not be considered for award regardless of the cause of the late receipt, including delays caused by the telegraph company, except for a telegraphic bid delayed solely because of mishandling on the part of the Government in its transmittal to the office designated in the invitation for bids for the receipt of bids.

§ 101-45.703-4 Handcarried bids.

A late handcarried bid or any other late bid not submitted by mail, tele-

gram, or mailgram shall not be considered for award.

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§ 101-45.703-5 Disposition of late bids.

A late bid which is not for consideration shall be returned to the bidder as promptly as possible (unless other disposition is requested or agreed to by the bidder). However, an unidentified late bid may be opened solely for the purpose of identification and then only by the contracting officer or his authorized representative. Late bids opened for identification purposes or by mistake shall be resealed in the envelope. The contracting officer or his authorized representative shall immediately write on the envelope his signature and position, date and time opened, invitation for bids number, and an explanation of the opening. No information contained therein shall be disclosed to anyone.

§ 101-45.703-6 Records.

To the extent available, the following information shall be included in the contract case files with respect to each late bid:

(a) A statement of the date and hour of mailing or filing;

(b) A statement of the date and hour of receipt;

(c) A mechanical reproduction of the envelope, or other covering, if the late bid was returned, in lieu of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section;

(d) The determination of whether the late bid was considered for award, with supporting facts;

(e) A statement of the disposition of the late bid; and

(f) The envelope, or other covering, if the late bid was considered for award.

§ 101-45.704 Modification or withdrawal of bids.

(a) Bids may be modified or withdrawn by written or telegraphic notice received by the contracting officer not later than the exact time set for opening of bids (in the instance of sealed bid sales) or not later than the exact time set for the receipt of mailed-in or telegraphic bids (in the instance of spot bid and auction sales where such bids are authorized). A telegraphic modification